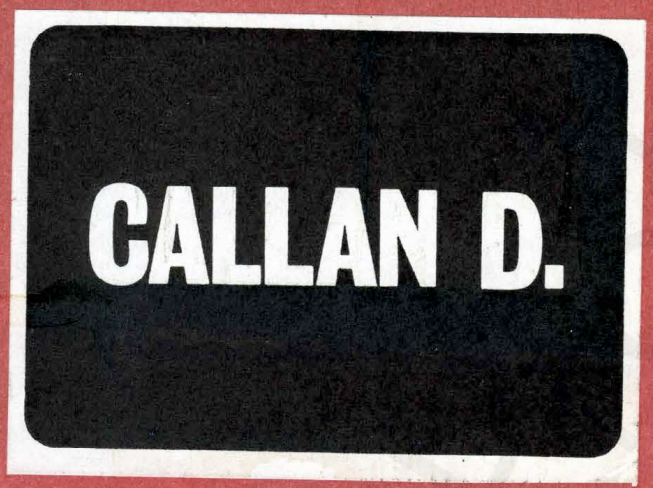
CALLAN D.

From: Head of Sections (Group)

To: Colonel Hunter

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1 June 1967

Request from your section to use Callan. Callan de-activated 1966. Why re-activated now? Urgent. Advise at once.

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From: Colonel Hunter

To: Head of Sections (Group)

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2 June 1967

Callan is the best agent I ever had. He excelled at Red File material. He was de-activated because of over-involvement with his subjects. However, I now employ him only as a free-lance. (He neither asks nor expects assistance and/or recognition from my section).

I have instructed relevant departments to give you further background on Callan.

P. T. R. Hunter

Encs.

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From: Appointments Officer To: Head of Sections (Group)

2 June 1967

Callan was born South London 1931. (Age 36). Parents killed by V2 in 1944. Callan found their bodies on way home from school. From then lived with an aunt until he joined the army. Aunt now deceased.

Educated Junior School, Secondary Modern and Technical College. Left school 1946. Worked as apprentice to firm of locksmiths. (Attended Technical courses on day release.)

Army. Could have gone into Royal Engineers. Surprised employers by choosing Infantry (Green Howards).

Highest possible ratings for initiative; unarmed combat; shooting. Very high survival factor. Promoted corporal. Reduced to ranks for insolence to superior officer.

Transferred to Commandos. Quickly re-promoted to corporal. Service in Malaya. His unit very successful in catching and killing Communist Chinese. Callan recommended for D.S.M. but involved in drunken brawl with infantry sergeant whom he beat up badly. Reduced to ranks, D.S.M. withheld. Demobbed 1952.

Resumed work at locksmiths. Suddenly and inexplicably attempted to rob jeweller's safe supplied by his firm. Caught by accident. Old night-watchman stumbled on to him, grabbed him and yelled. Callan, who could have killed him, didn't, and was caught.

Sentenced to two years imprisonment. Wormwood Scrubs. Released after 15 months. (Here he first met the burglar known as Lonely). Hunter's section – then Vanbrugh's section – took him up on basis of (a) Commando record; (b) burgling skill. Went to 'college' 1953–1954. Developed skills in theft, unarmed combat and shooting. Dead shot with pistol.

First active with Hunter, then Vanbrugh's chief execution officer. Involved in blackmail and killing. Very high rating.

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Hunter took over section 1955. From then until 1966 Callan carried out 19 missions, including 11 killings. 15 were complete success; 2 failed because of inadequate briefing; 2 because of failure of colleagues. Callan prefers to work alone. (This may influence attitude of colleagues.)

By 1960 Callan was 2-i-c to Hunter who rated him very highly. Very possible next Head of Section. But in 1965 he killed a Russian spy whom he knew well, and liked.

From that time Callan became too involved with the people who were his targets. He worked with the same skill, but increasing reluctance. Hunter tried hard to change him, but failed.

Callan de-activated from section 1966. Trained as bookkeeper, works for wholesale grocer who believes him to be ex-convict.

Replacement Toby Meres. Age 27. Eton, Coldstream. Resigned commission after 'accident' in which a guardsman died. Hunter knows Meres killed him.

Callan is a non-smoker, drinks Scotch, cautiously on a job, heavily on certain other occasions. Never drunk.

From: A.T.W.G. (Psychiatric Consultant to Section) To: Head of Sections (Group)

2 June 1967

Callan is a very healthy young man with excellent reflexes, muscular co-ordination and eyesight. No major diseases, no serious accidents. In short, an excellent insurance risk, had he been a bank clerk.

I.Q. well above average. (Actual score withheld, as is usual in this section). Rorschach and other tests showed him to be of very stable mentality. No evidence of inversion. Trend to sadism, but held in balance. High tolerance to pain, which means that if at any time he were broken, the effect would be total. (N.B. For this reason Callan was given special instruction on the use of cyanide phial in certain circumstances.).

Callan's psychology is best gauged by Adlerian rather than Freudian methodology. It is true that at the age of 13 he found his mother and father dead, under particularly brutal circumstances, but this if anything intensified his drive to success (i.e. power) and solitary self-sufficiency. Power and self-sufficiency have been and are the two motivating factors in Callan's life. It is for this reason that he has deliberately cultivated both physical and mental courage, and the skills (Karate, pistol shooting etc) concomitant with them.
After the loss of his parents the one person whom he appears to have held in high emotional regard is Colonel Hunter. Callan now dislikes Hunter. This dislike could, under certain circumstances, turn to hatred.

The flaw – if one may so express it – in Callan's nature is his capacity for involvement with other people. This, though limited, is intense. I.e. Callan will never allow himself to rely on other people, but will go to extreme lengths to protect those who rely on him. (See my report on his relationship with the petty criminal Lonely). This condition has now reached the point where he is no longer amenable to orders but insists on making his own value judgments.

It is for these reasons that, despite his obvious abilities, I recommend Callan's withdrawal from the section. He has almost no conception of the abstract word "duty"; a limited but demanding human relationship is the only moral stimulus to which he will respond, and this state of affairs has intensified since in 1965, on Hunter's orders, he killed the Russian agent (name withheld) whom he liked very much. It will be recalled that Hunter had to order him three times to do so.

Finally, and however irrelevantly, may I say this: I like Callan.

A. T. W. G.

M.B.B.G., M.R.C.P., D.P.S.

From: Code Centre RA/I/1 To: Head of Sections (Group)

2 June 1967

Copy of memo sent to Colonel Hunter 16 March 1965.

From: Code Centre RA/I/1 To: Colonel Hunter

Copies to: Legal Department: E/O/San Juan, Puerto Rico: U.S. Liaison.

Following message intercepted 8.3.65. Decoded 15.3.65.

From: Viper To: Sidewinder

British operative Callan killed Miguel Herreras in San Juan 5.3.65. Herreras now known to the Goon Squad operative for Section 13, K.G.B. Real name Zhverkov who was responsible for death in auto crash of Viper 7 12.9.61.

Callan AA operative. Suggest buy him if needed. Ultimate Security if in opposition.

Viper	=	code name for C.I.A. Field operative.
Sidewinder	=	Controller.
Goon Squad	=	Executioners.
K.G.B.	=	Committee for State Security (i.e. Non-military espionage) U.S.S.R.
Ultimate Security	=	Any form of restraint up to and including death. (c/f Our own Red File system)

N.B. This code now no longer in use.

From: Colonel Hunter

To: Head of Sections (Group)

2 June 1967

Copy of report sent to me:

From: E/O Toby Meres

To: Colonel Hunter

8 August 1966

I have run a check on Callan since he was de-activated from the section. In that time I used six operatives, changing them as per procedure. Callan has spotted them all. It is very difficult to tail this man. Suggest we use operatives from another section.

Callan's address is unchanged. He works as a bookkeeper for a wholesale grocer called Waterman, (details supplied. See enclosed form S.7.).

Waterman is a boor, but Callan seems adjusted to him. He works long hours for little wages. Money appears to have no interest for him (see my previous report on his flat) except for the purchase of whisky. On occasion he drinks heavily, but I have not seen him drunk.

He sticks absolutely to his cover-story, drinking or not. His relations with women are casual but normal. He has not attempted to contact any other agency from either East or West, and his cover-appearance – that of a badly dressed, unambitious clerk with no hope of promotion, is completely convincing. We can forget about him.

T. Meres

E/O/43

From: Head of Sections (Group)

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Callan's background noted and acknowledged. How do you propose to control him if not under section discipline?

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From: Colonel Hunter

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5 June 1967

Callan has a Red File – i.e. he is marked for death because of over-familiarity with aims and methods of my section.

The file will remain dormant only so long as he obeys my instructions.

P. T. R. Hunter

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From: Head of Sections (Group) To: Colonel Hunter

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Agreed. But Callan will be your personal responsibility. You will act as his controller at all times.

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